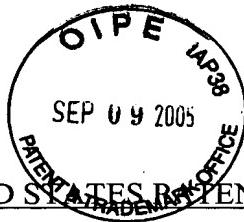


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 9, 2005, please consider the remarks below and amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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